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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CORRECT CLAIMS

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated August 25, 2009, hereinafter, "the Notice." Correction is being made to the claims format in order to correct the improper multiple dependent claim format. The Application is believed by Applicant to be in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (original) A test carrier for storage devices comprising:
 - a carrier base;
 - a slider tray slidably mounted to the carrier base, the slider tray having at least one aperture for receiving a storage device therein;
 - at least one storage device connector connected to the carrier base; and
 - a tester interfacewhere, when the slider tray is in a first position, the storage device can be received within the at least one aperture of the slider tray and, when the slider tray is in a second position, an interface of the storage device mates with the storage device connector, appropriate circuitry contained in the carrier base connecting the tester interface and the storage device connector thereafter allowing the storage device to be tested via the tester interface.
2. (original) A test carrier according to claim 2, where the tester interface is a 3.5" HDD interface adapted to be received within a 3.5" HDD tester bed.
3. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claims 1 or 2~~any preceding claim~~, where the storage device connector is adapted to allow mating with the appropriate interface of SFF storage devices.
4. (previously presented) A test carrier according to claim 3, where the SFF storage device is one of the following: Compact Flash; MultiMedia Card.

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5. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claims 1 or 2~~any preceding claim~~, where the slider tray has dampening means connected thereto, the dampening means operable to provide mechanical dampening of the storage device during testing.
6. (original) A test carrier according to claim 5, where the dampening means also operates to align the interface of the storage device within the storage device connector to facilitate the mating thereof.
7. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claim 5~~or claim 6~~, where the dampening means is removable.
8. (currently amended) A test carrier according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 7~~, where the dampening means includes an elastic pad dampener.
9. (currently amended) A test carrier according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 8~~, where the dampening means includes a wedge assembly.
10. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claim 1~~any preceding claim~~, where the carrier base further includes inbuilt testing circuitry connected to the tester interface, or connected directly to the storage device connector, as required to test the desired storage device.
11. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claim 1~~any preceding claim~~, where the carrier base has at least one slider guide mounted thereto, a portion of each slider guide adapted to be received between segments of the slider tray, such that movement of the slider tray is limited by the portion to the space between the first and second positions.

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12. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, where at least one segment of the slider tray operates as a handle.
13. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, where the slider tray and carrier base each include retention means that operate conjunctively to releasably retain the slider tray in either the first position or the second position.
14. (original) A test carrier according to claim 13, where the retention means of the slider tray is a clip mechanism and the retention means of the carrier base is an aperture adapted to receive a portion of the clip mechanism therein.
15. (currently amended) A test carrier according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~, further including connector shields, the connector shields positioned so as to provide protection to the storage device connectors when the slider tray is in the first position.

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REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 have been allowed in the Application. By the present amendment, claims 2, 3, 5, 7-13, and 15 have been amended to correct the improper multiple dependent claim, as no multiple dependent claim can depend from another multiple dependent claim. Claim 4 was previously presented and amended as noted in the Action in a telephone interview on 08/12/2009 in which claim 4 was corrected to depend from claim 3.

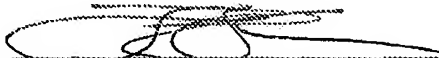
CONCLUSION

The above-discussed remarks are believed to place the present Application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above amendments, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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